

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [00039] with the following amended paragraph:

[00039] The load cell 42 is provided with an electrical cable ~~70~~ 69, which is connectible to the monitor 14 to provide an indication or output signal representative of the amount of compression force placed on the faces 42a and 42b of the load cell, and to receive power from the control assembly to power the load cell. The load cell is highly sensitive and can react even against an extremely slight change in pressure placed thereagainst to provide an output simultaneously with the compressive force placed thereagainst.

Please replace paragraph [00046] with the following amended paragraph:

[00046] The signal S_2 may also be fed into a comparator 15, which comparator has been fed a present value T_1 , representative of the desired tension in the thread. The processed signal S_2 fed into the comparison circuit is compared with the preset level T_1 and when the signal S_2 differs (e.g., exceeds the tension) the preset level, the comparison circuit outputs an alert signal. The thread tensioning assembly described provides the user with accurate, repeatable measurement and monitoring of the varying compression force applied to the thread tensioning discs 44 and 46 and provides a visual display corresponding to the actual amount of force being actually applied.